

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-79. (Canceled)

80. (Currently amended) A method of directing expression of a heterologous nucleic acid in a meristematic cell(s) of a plant, the method comprising introducing into the plant an expression cassette comprising containing an *ANT* promoter operably linked to a heterologous polynucleotide, wherein the *ANT* promoter \ comprises a sequence at least 80% identical to SEQ ID NO: 3.

81. (Original) The method of claim 80, wherein the promoter is as shown in SEQ ID NO:3.

82. (Original) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising an *ANT* promoter sequence that is at least 80% identical to SEQ ID NO: 3.

83. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 82, further comprising a heterologous polynucleotide operably linked to the *ANT* promoter sequence.

84. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 82, wherein the *ANT* promoter sequence is as shown in SEQ ID NO:3.

85-89. (Canceled)